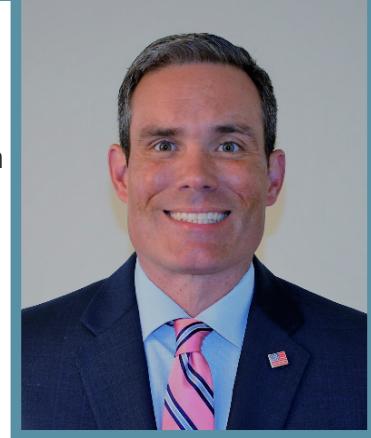


AROUND THE ROCK

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Thank you, Shane!

Since April 2019, Blowing Rock Town Manager Shane Fox has served our town personally and professionally to the highest quality our citizens and Town employees could hope for. It is with a heavy heart that after 4 years, we must professionally say goodbye to the Fox family. In closed session, at the April 11th Town Council Meeting, Shane submitted his resignation, accepting a position as County Manager at a neighboring County. Shane will begin his new role in June, staying with the Town through completion of the FY 2023-24 budget. Shane shared that while he has enjoyed the people and staff of Blowing Rock during his time here, he will be serving as Manager of a County that is near where he grew-up and he looks forward to going back home to serve a community that is close to his heart. Our Town has grown and prospered under Shane's leadership, including the following initiatives and accomplishment just to name a few:



- Completion of Sunset Drive Streetscape
- Main Street Crosswalks and Pedestrian Crossing
- Memorial Park Playground Upgrade and Replacement
- Adoption of a 10 Year Comprehensive Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Bass Lake Sidewalk
- Police Dispatch Replacement back to Blowing Rock
- History Walk Partnership with the Village Foundation
- Town wide Information/Communications: E-Newsletter & Facebook Page Development
- Wayfinding & Master Signage Plan Development
- Various Water/Wastewater and Stormwater Projects
- 100% Employee Retention over the past year
- Blowing Rock Employee Children's Academy
- Projects in Progress: Water/Sewer Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, Main Street Water/Sewer Line Replacement project & Memorial Park Improvement Project & Restroom Addition/Renovation (PARTF)



Evidenced in part by this list of accomplishments and leading initiatives, one would be hard pressed to find an aspect of our Town that was not improved during Shane's leadership. Shane has shone bright in the face of major issues our Town has faced from the COVID-19 pandemic starting in 2020, to total water loss due to catastrophic water line damage in 2022. Our Town thanks him and his family for their dedication and the sacrifices they have made to serve this community to the fullest.

The Town Council will now begin work on determining an Interim Town Manager to lead until such a time a permanent replacement is found. Please join us in expressing our appreciation to Shane and his family for all their hard work and dedication to the Town of Blowing Rock and mail cards to Shane and his family at P.O. Box 47, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 or by email at sfox@tobr.us.

Important Numbers

Town Hall..... 828-295-5200
Planning & Inspection .. 828-295-5240
Parks & Recreation 828-295-5222

Non-Emergency

Police Administration ... 828-295-5212
Fire Administration 828-548-2800

After Hours (Water & Sewer)

Emergency 828-295-5210
Emergency Police & Fire 911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

(Second Tuesday of the month)
May 9th at 6:00pm

Planning Board

(Third Thursday of the month)
May 18th at 5:30pm

BRAAC

(First Tuesday of the month)
June 6th at 9:00am

Upcoming Events

Spring Cleanup Week

May 8-12th

First Art in the Park of 2023

May 20th

Robbins Pool Opens

May 27th

What's Happening Around the Rock?



Parkway Closings

Pavement preservation work at Blue Ridge Parkway overlooks, parking areas and picnic areas (from milepost 294 to 384 between Blowing Rock and Asheville) and milepost 394 to 443 (south of Asheville to Balsam Gap) is planned for the 2023 visitor season. Work is expected to begin this week and continue through the fall of 2023 in multiple locations within the identified sections. Once underway, park visitors and neighbors can expect intermittent, short-term closures at individual sites with short, single-lane closures of the mainline road as needed. Multiple road projects are underway and planned this season - project locations for pavement preservation work will be updated regularly on the road status page on the Parkway's website (nps.gov/blri/index.htm). The Parkway website provides milepost by milepost status information daily with links to additional project information, a complete schedule of facility seasons and/or detour maps where applicable.

BLOWING ROCK CLEANUP WEEK

ANNUAL WEEK-LONG CLEANUP FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

RAIN
OR
SHINE

Public works
will pick up
all the items

WHEN?
May 8-12th
(all week
long)

WHERE?
All Blowing
Rock town
residential
homes

COST?
FREE to
all town
citizens

Crews will pick up items such as old white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans (please note that paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint). Separate any leaves you might have from any branches so we can use our leaf vacuum machine to expedite pickup. Do not block any ditches or drains when putting out your items to be picked up. We are not able to pick up propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, tires or pallets. There is no need to call to have your name put on a list - we'll pick items up in your area all week!



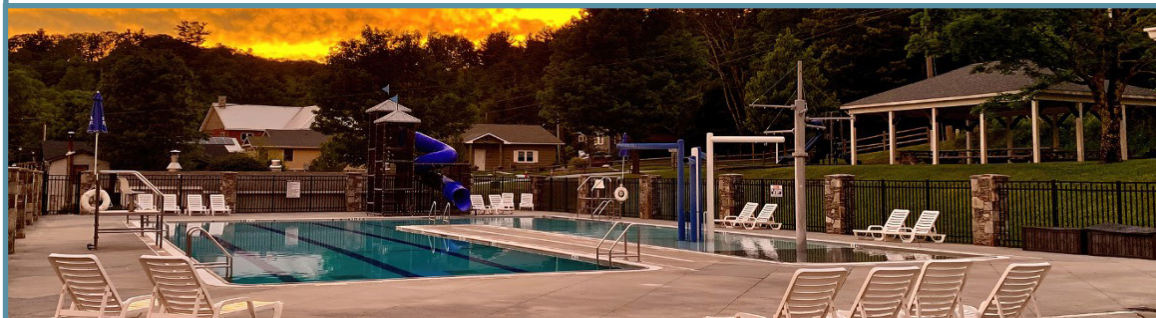
Please Note: The Town Council has decided to postpone discussion of the Proposed Paid Parking Program until a possible later date.



The Main Street Water/Sewer Line Replacement Project (map pictured above) will start the pre-construction phase this month. Watch for updates as the project progresses.

PartF

Project: Memorial Park Restrooms portion of the PartF Project will be re-bid, bids to be back by around June, more news to come as the process



Who's Ready!? Robbins Pool opens for the season May 27th, swim times are Monday-Sunday 12:00-8:30pm. Season pool passes are \$35 for residents and \$55 for non-residents, you can purchase passes now online at townofblowingrocknc.gov. For questions, contact the Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation Department at (828) 295-5222 or jbrown@tobr.us.